The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

The merge of Direct Tv & Dish network would give Cable TV and Cable internet service much needed competition. Cable internet service is the only broadband service available in my area. I am at the mercy of the Cable company. There has already been one increase in the already high rate for cable internet in less than two years. The only alternative to the increase is to go back to a dial up internet provider. There is also only one cable company available in my area. That does not make for very many choices for the consumer. This give the cable company free reign over the consumers. Having local programming on my dish network would be helpful as we rely on our neighbors to tell us of hurricanes and bad weather, we are unwilling have both cable tv & satelite tv.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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